Releasing of Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu by Karnataka Government

404. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to give to direction to the Karnataka Government for releasing Cauvery Water to Tamil Nadu as per the agreement of 1924 till the Tribunal's decision is given;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is for the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal to take a view in the matter.

Production of Pig Iron

405. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of pig iron in the country during the last three years;

(b) what is the total import of pig iron during the same period; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase the production of pig iron?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH COSWAMI): (a) and (b) The total production of Pig Iron in the country and imports of foundry grade pig iron during the last three years is given below:

(Quantity in '000 tonnes

Year	Production	Imports
1987-88	1272	34
1988-89	1107	164
1989-90	1338	306

delicensed. Pig Iron manufacturing capacities are being encouraged in the secondary sector and it is proposed to create a capacity of 2 million tonnes of pig iron in the secondary sector by the end of the 8th Plan.

Enquiry into Strike in Korba Units of BALCO

406. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the enquiry report regarding the causes and circumstances leading to the strike in Korba unit of BALCO;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken/propose to take on the basis of the enquiry report?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report is under consideration of the Government at present.

FICCI's Opinion About Shares of Foreign Equity in Indian Companies

407. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has opined that foreign equity in Indian companies should not increase by more than 40 per cent;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take action on this suggestion;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (e) Suggestions for improving our foreign investment climate are received from time to time. To the

examined and suitable steps are taken to adopt them in congruence with our national policy, and priorities. This is an ongoing process.

Concern by Andhra Pradesh Bar and Advocates Association on transfers and appointment of judges

408. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Bar Advocates Association have expressed concern over transfers and appointments of judges by Executives;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to check interference of executives in judiciary matters; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh High Court Advocates' Association in a representation has suggested the constitution of National Judicial Commission, continuance of the existing transfer policy of High Court Judges, filling up of vacancies in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, meaning of the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribun and providing statutory status to the Bar Association etc.

(c) and (d) The appointment and transfer of Judges of the High Courts is made as per provisions of the Constitution and there is no interferance of the executive in this.

Enhancement of Pay-Scale of Assistants

409. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 60 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether any final decision on the grant of Pay Scale of Rs. 1640-2900 to the Assistant's Cadre has since been taken; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the orders issued by Government is attached. (Annexure).

Annexure

No. 2/1/90.CS.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Personnel & Training
New Delhi, dated the 31st July, 1990.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:—Revision of Scale of Pay of Assistant Grade of Central Secretariat Service and Grade 'C' Stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service.

The undersigned is directed to say that the question regarding revision of scale of pay for the post of Assistants in the Central Secretariat etc., has been under consideration of the Government in terms of order dated 23rd May, 1989 in OA No. 1538/87 by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi for some time past. The President is now pleased to prescribe the revised scale of Rs. 1640-60-2600-EB-75-2900 for the pre-revised scale of Rs. 425-15-500-EB-15-560-20-700-EB-25-800 for duty posts included in the Assistant